



November 5, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 GRANT AND
APPROVE CLASSIFICATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE GRANT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

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SUBJECT

This letter requests approval for the Arts Commission to accept a \$1,200,000 grant from the Wallace Foundation to expand the scope of your Board approved plan for a quality arts education for every public school student in Los Angeles County. In conjunction with this grant, ordinance authority is requested to establish ten (10) grant-funded full-time equivalent positions that are necessary to effectively implement the initiatives being funded.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Arts Commission to accept a \$1,200,000 grant from The Wallace Foundation to support further implementation of *Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education*.
2. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment A) to reflect \$800,000, the first of two payments, in Fiscal Year 2008-2009.
3. Authorize the Executive Director of the Arts Commission to sign program agreements, amendments, and related documents pertaining to the grant award.
4. Authorize the Executive Director of the Arts Commission to expend the grant for the implementation of *Arts for All* in accordance with the goals and outcomes of grant.
5. Approve ordinance authority for the Arts Commission to fill ten (10) grant-funded full-time equivalent positions in excess of the Commission's current staffing ordinance and subject to the CEO's review and allocation. (Attachment C)

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In 2002, your Board unanimously adopted *Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education* to ensure quality dance, music, theatre and visual arts instruction for all 1.7 million Los Angeles County public school students. Goals include: 1) Each of LA County's 81 school districts enacts a policy, adopts a plan with a timeline, and approves a budget to implement sequential K-12 arts education; 2) Implementers and policy makers have sufficient tools, information, and professional development to achieve sequential K-12 arts education; 3) In each of the County's school districts, an active coalition of advocates will be mobilized to establish, sustain and support sequential K-12 arts education; 4) Funding policies of public and private funders align with the vision and mission of the Blueprint.

Since your adoption, the Arts Commission and its 100 partners have made significant progress in the implementation of *Arts for All*:

- active partnerships with 31 school districts across every Board of Supervisorial District, serving close to 500,000 students, and the adoption and implementation of arts education policies and plans in these districts;
- establishment of 19 Arts Coordinator positions;
- training for 450 artists/administrators in the Visual and Performing Arts Standards;
- creation of www.LAArtsEd.org, first ever county-wide arts education portal, including a program directory with 225 searchable arts education programs that meet state arts standards, and a tools and resources site with 100 searchable national and local resources for arts education;
- development of a national on-line resource, the *Handbook for Best Practices in K-12 Professional Development in Arts Education*;
- release of three Arts Education Performance Indicator reports, tracking the progress of school districts in meeting the critical success factors for arts education;
- surveying school board candidates in *Arts for All* Districts to raise public awareness of their views on arts education;
- raising \$3.6 million in external funding to support implementation of *Arts for All* (prior to the Wallace Foundation grant).

Arts for All is now a national model for the restoration of arts education in school districts.

The Wallace Foundation invited the Arts Commission to apply for an *Arts for Young People* initiative grant of \$1.2 million, with up to 4 additional years for a total grant of \$5 million. The foundation acknowledged that, "the Arts Commission's *Arts for All* initiative has successfully established a broad, coordinated effort to improve arts education for children in Los Angeles County" and that its "coordinated arts learning efforts have successfully taken root and begun to make headway in improving arts education." The Wallace Foundation grant provides the resources to significantly expand this program with the goal to create a large enough corps of arts-knowledgeable administrators, classroom teachers and teaching artists to bring arts instruction "to scale." Their belief is that the *Arts for All* initiative is poised, over the next five years, to make further significant and sustainable progress.

The grant from The Wallace Foundation will enable *Arts for All* to build on its success to date and improve quality and access to arts learning for all students by implementing new initiatives that will deepen district capacity to provide quality arts instruction for students, increase the quality of arts instruction through professional development opportunities for arts coordinators, teachers and arts specialists, and mobilize advocates to sustain and support district-wide quality

arts education. (Attachment B) This grant will propel the next phase of *Arts for All*'s work, resulting in greatly expanded program responsibility, and associated staffing.

In order to effectively meet the new expanded program scope, ordinance authority is requested to fill ten, grant funded full-time equivalent positions. (Attachment C) These new positions are based on the duties and responsibilities that will be necessary to effectively implement *Arts for All* based on the new initiatives outlined in the proposal to the Wallace Foundation.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

The recommended actions are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals for Organizational Effectiveness and Children and Families' Well-Being/Education Workforce Readiness. Through the expanded scope of *Arts for All*, and the establishment of ten new grant funded positions, the Arts Commission will ensure that all students have access to a quality arts education, thereby creating a creative and competitive workforce to meet the economic opportunities of the present and future.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net County cost match requirement. Further, the positions will be fully funded by grant funds. The balance of the grant, or \$400,000, will be included in the Arts Commission's FY 09-10 budget.

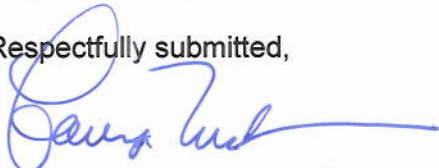
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The new initiatives will be implemented as outlined in Attachment B and will be governed by the policy and guideline requirements of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission. In addition, The Wallace Foundation requires that the Arts Commission conduct an evaluation of the project and submit reports on the effectiveness of the initiative.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

This initiative will deepen the impact of *Arts for All* and enable school districts in the County to better realize the vision of a quality arts education for every public school student in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Zucker, Executive Director

Attachments (3)

c: Chief Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors Executive Officer

ATTACHMENT B

WALLACE FOUNDATION -- ARTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE INITIATIVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

*\$1.2 million over 18 months to advance
Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education*

The Wallace Foundation's grant of \$1.2 million to the Los Angeles County Arts Commission will enable *Arts for All* to build on the achievements of its first six years by deepening its partnerships with the 28 Los Angeles County school districts which joined the initiative 2003-08, expanding the services it provides to these districts to improve quality and access to dance, music, theatre, and visual arts instruction for students, and strengthening advocacy for arts education.

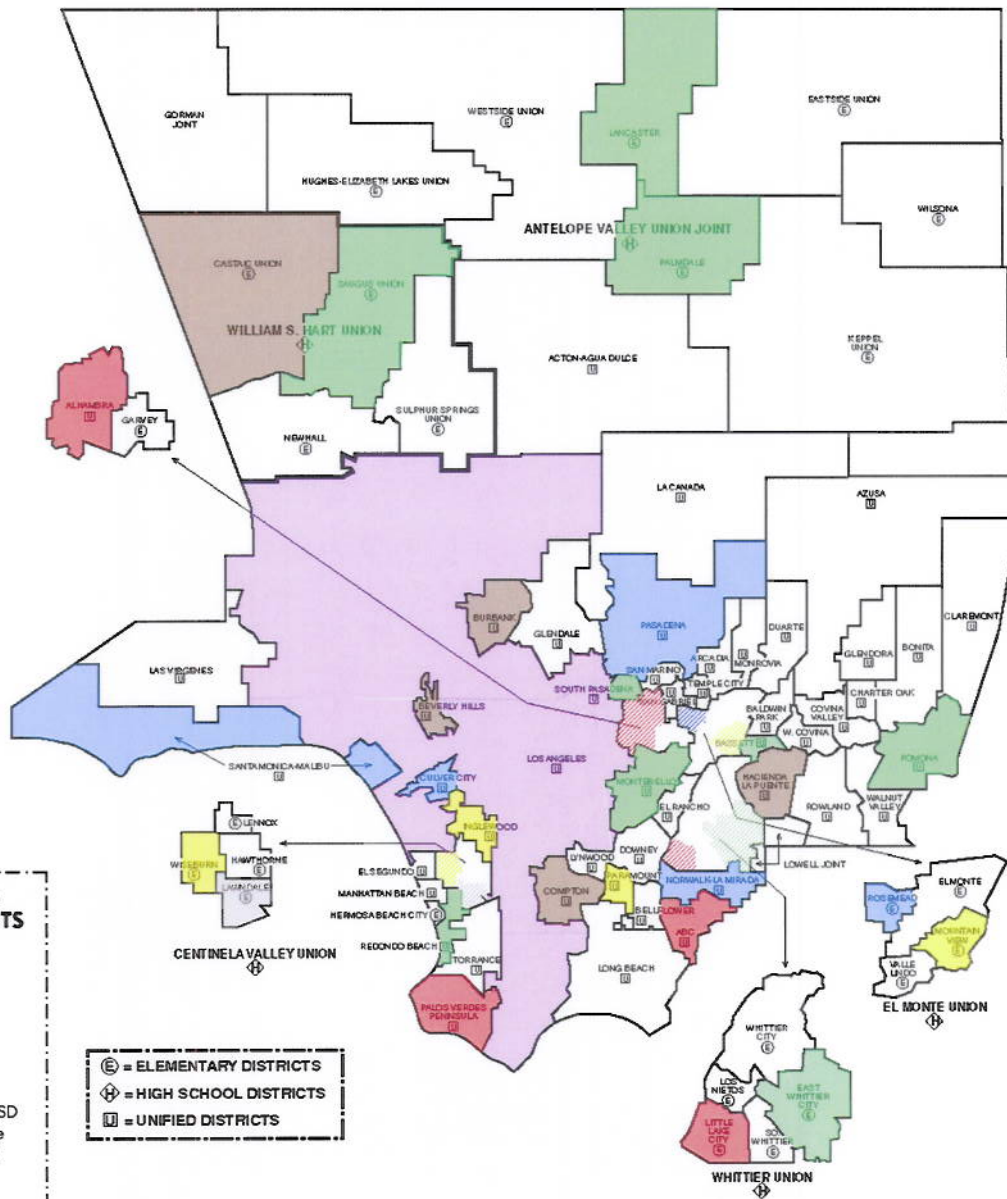
Several new elements will be added to the technical assistance provided by *Arts for All* to help the school districts realize the goal of providing all students with quality arts education. These include:

- the creation of an Arts for All Leadership Fellows program to enhance the arts education knowledge and awareness of school district leaders;
- the building of a national cadre of specialist coaches to augment local expertise;
- the launch of a comprehensive professional development program for arts coordinators to increase their capacity to support the delivery of quality arts instruction;
- the creation of a searchable database in LAArtsEd.org to centralize access to local and national professional development providers for teachers; and
- pilot programs for including arts education in existing teacher and district administrator preparation programs at the university level.

To empower local stakeholders to advocate for arts education, community arts teams, which are formed in *Arts for All* districts to develop policies, plans and budgets, will receive advocacy training and transition to advocacy teams to monitor the implementation of district long range plans.

The grant will also support the development of a communications plan to address external communications for *Arts for All* leadership and staff, internal and external communications for *Arts for All* School Districts, and the engagement of high-level regional stakeholders across the County, as well as the development of evaluation tools to better assess the current state arts education instruction in Los Angeles County.

ELEMENTARY, HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIFIED DISTRICTS LOS ANGELES COUNTY



ATTACHMENT C

**Proposed Grant Funded FTE Positions
Funded by the Wallace Foundation to Support
Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education**

POSITION	TOTAL
Supervising AA III	2
AA III	7
AA II	1
Total	10

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DEPT'S.

NO.

October 21, 2008

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO
ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR
ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2008-09

4 VOTES

SOURCES

Arts Commission
Revenue - Grant Award (Donation)
A01-BS-28400-9686
\$800,000

USES

Arts Commission
Services and Supplies
A01-BS-28400-2000
\$800,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects grant award in the amount of \$800,000 (payment 1 of a \$1,200,000 grant) from The Wallace Foundation to support the Board adopted Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Sachi A. Hama
SACHI A. HAMA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR----

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED ✓

AS REVISED

✓ RECOMMENDATION

Oct 23 2008

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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BY

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Oct 22 2008

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DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK